



State of Alaska
Department of Fish and Game
Habitat and Restoration Division

Nomination for Waters
Important to Anadromous Fish

Region SOUTHEAST

USGS Quad Bering Glacier A-3

Anadromous Water Catalog Number of Waterway 192-30-11500-2032, 2032-3004

Name of Waterway Steller Creek ☐ USGS Name ☒ Local Name

☒ Addition ☐ Deletion ☐ Correction ☐ Backup Information

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Nomination #	<u>01 693</u>	<u>Linda Flander</u>	<u>2-06-01</u>
Revision Year:	<u>2001</u>	Regional Supervisor	Date
Revision to:	Atlas _____ Catalog _____	<u>Ed Win</u>	<u>4/8/02</u>
	Both <u>X</u>	AWC Project Biologist	Date
Revision Code:	<u>A-2, C-5C-7</u>	<u>2 Stone</u>	<u>4/24/02</u>
		Drafted	Date

OBSERVATION INFORMATION

Species	Date(s) Observed	Spawning	Rearing	Present	Anadromous
Coho	5/28/00		23	ALASKA DEPT. OF FISH & GAME FEB 09 2001 REGION II HABITAT AND RESTORATION DIVISION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DV	5/28/00		4		<input type="checkbox"/>
Coho	5/28/00		13		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Coho	5/28/00		9		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Coho	10/21-22/00	15+			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

IMPORTANT: Provide all supporting documentation that this water body is important for the spawning, rearing or migration of anadromous fish, including: number of fish and life stages observed; sampling methods, sampling duration and area sampled; copies of field notes; etc. Attach a copy of a map showing location of mouth and observed upper extent of each species, as well as other information such as: specific stream reaches observed as spawning or rearing habitat; locations, types, and heights of any barriers; etc.

Comments: On May 28, 2000, minnow traps were set at three locations on the new route of Steller Creek. During a high water event the South Fork of the Yakataga River changed course and completely blocked Steller Creek's outlet. All of this stream was diverted into old overflow channels of the river that are located south and east of the river's current location. Our traps were set at each of the three new tributaries identified. The first trap was set for 2 hrs and contained 23 coho, and 4 DV. The second and third trap were set for 15 minutes and contained 13 coho and 9 coho. The stream channels were 4' wide with 6-8" depths. The topography has little grade. Adult coho salmon were observed through out the system on October 21, 22, 2000 up past the log stringer bridge on the 3000 ML road (NE 1/4 Sec 17). Steller Creek was originally nominated in 1997.

Name of Observer (please print):

Linda Speerstra

Signature:

Linda Speerstra

Date: 1/31/01

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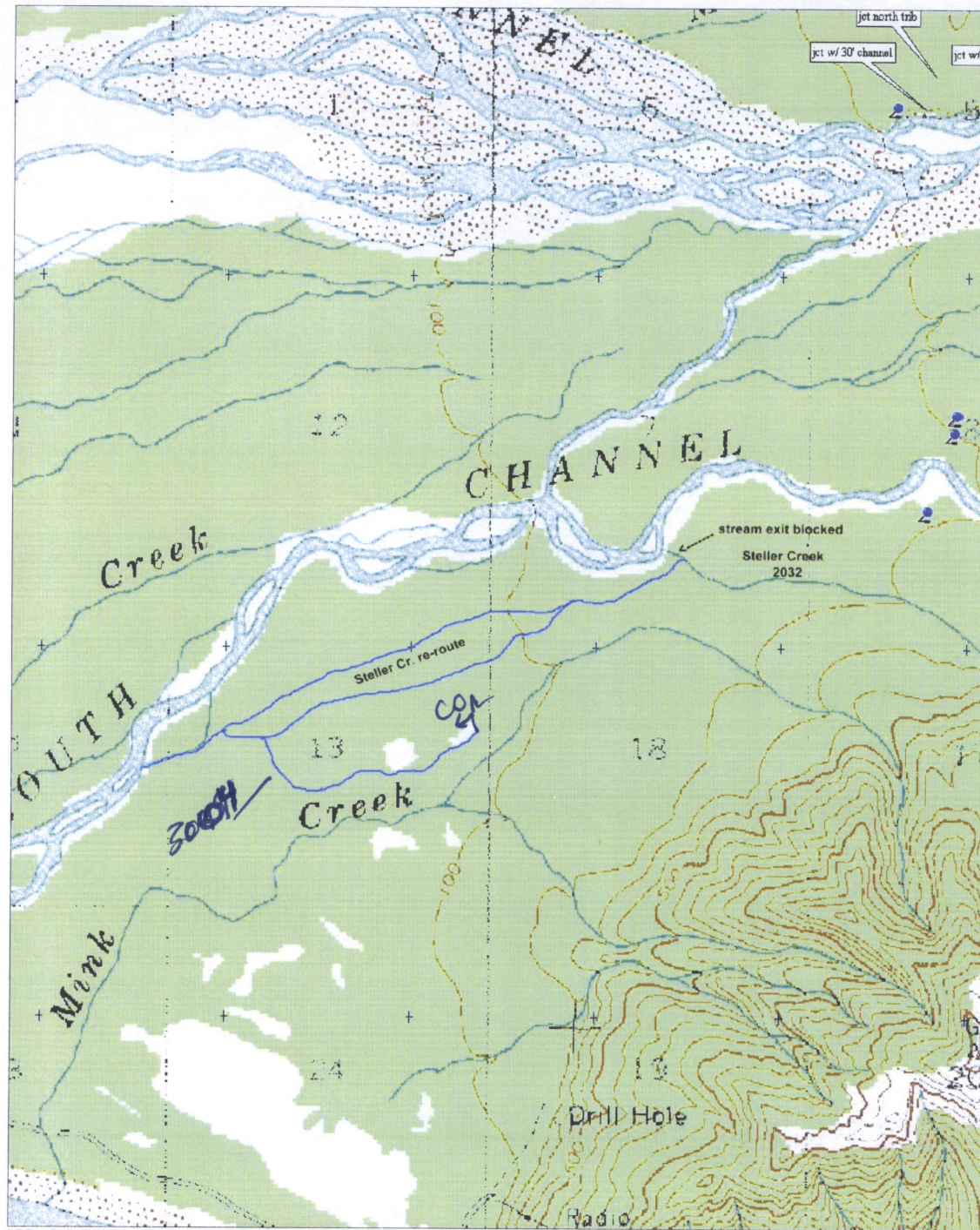
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This certifies that in my best professional judgment and belief the above information is evidence that this waterbody should be included in or deleted from the Catalog of Waters Important for Spawning, Rearing or Migration of Anadromous Fishes per AS 16.05.870.

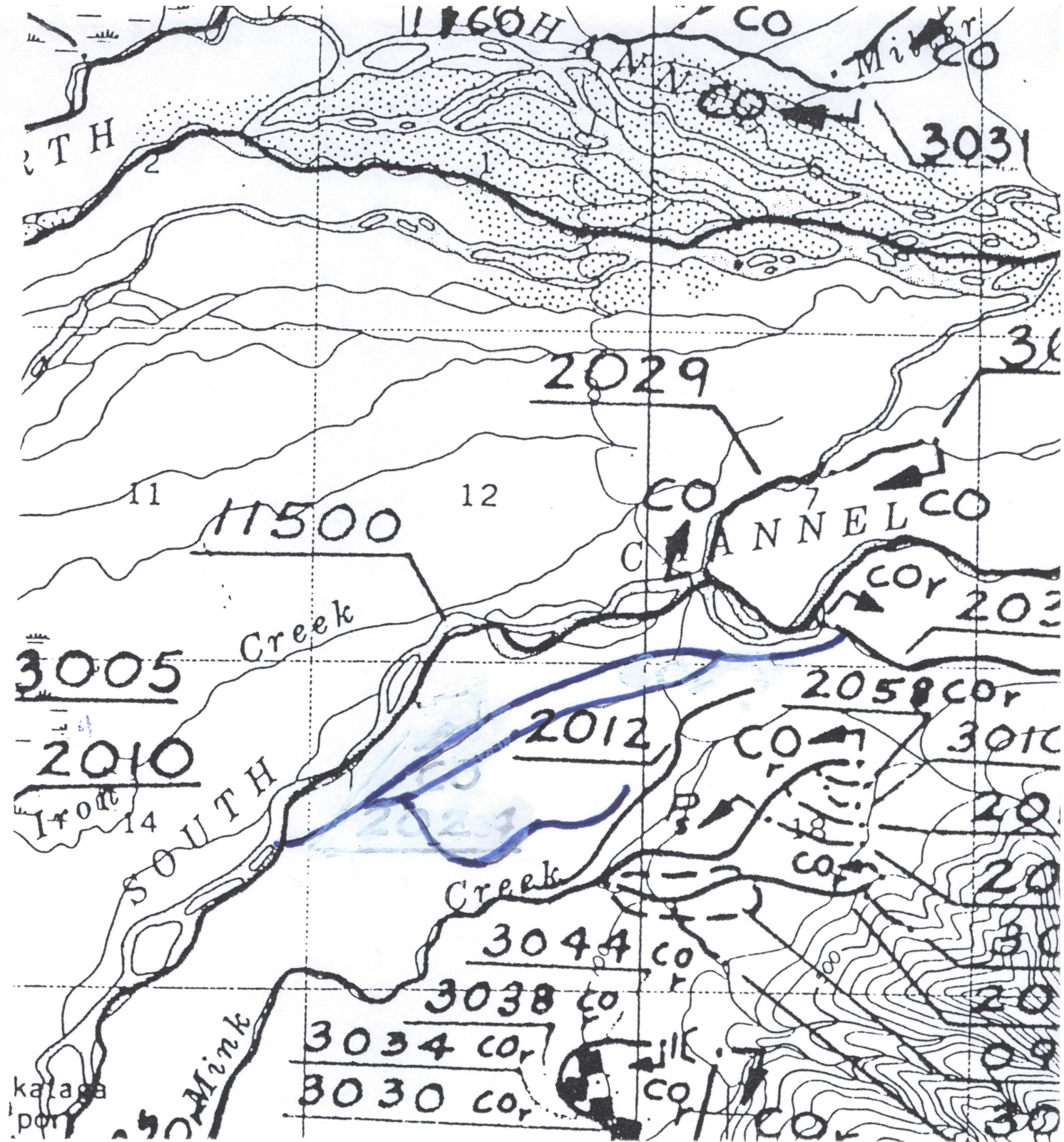
Signature of Area Biologist:

Phil Rooney

Revision 3/97



Change
Channel of
192-30-11500-2032
move mouth
Add tributary
192-30-11500-
2032-3004
w/ COA



Edward W. Weiss

From: Edward W. Weiss [ed_weiss@fishgame.state.ak.us]
Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2002 4:57 PM
To: Linda Speerstra
Subject: Mink Creek, Steller Creek and Swamp Creek tribs.

Hellooooo Linda.

Well I've finally made my way to the Yakataga area and have tried to sort things out. I've come up with the attached jpegs. The first shows the current AWC streams (dark blue), the new and existing as I think they need to be drawn (yellow), the unit boundaries (light blue), the roads (tan). On the second I've only included the roads and the proposed stream revisions (yellow). What I need from you is to know if the yellow lines as I've drawn them are correct and if not can you draw in corrections. And then I also need info on the following.

1. Mark perimeter of Steller Creek polygon 192-30-11500-2032-0910. This was area of several small tribs. In upper end of Steller Crk. I can't see any indication of streams on the photo. Hopefully having been there you can where those various tribs were or a polyline around the perimeter of the area.
2. Mark the perimeter of the Bet Creek polygon. If you can mark in where the tribs are within the polygon and then I can locate the poly around them.
3. On your nomination for changes to the Steller Creek channel and addition of tribs. you noted a large tributary in section 13 that flows from near two clearings by Mink creek. On the photo and hydro I can't locate it and it doesn't seem to fit as you drew it. Could you draw this one in. There is an obvious stream on the photo which I drew in that flows southwest into Mink Creek that looks as if it would cross this stream. If they're not the same stream do we have any info on this second stream? I don't have any kind of a nomination for this.
4. You and Phil mentioned that some changes were needed to the channel of 191-10-11400. I can't pick any kind of channel out of the picture. Can you approximate where the channel should be for this stream and it's tribs.
5. There were also several other of the smaller tribs that I couldn't pick out. Can you also draw in the following.
 - a. Steller trib. 3022
 - b. Bet trib. 3040
 - c. Bet trib. 3016
 - d. Swamp creek trib. 3026

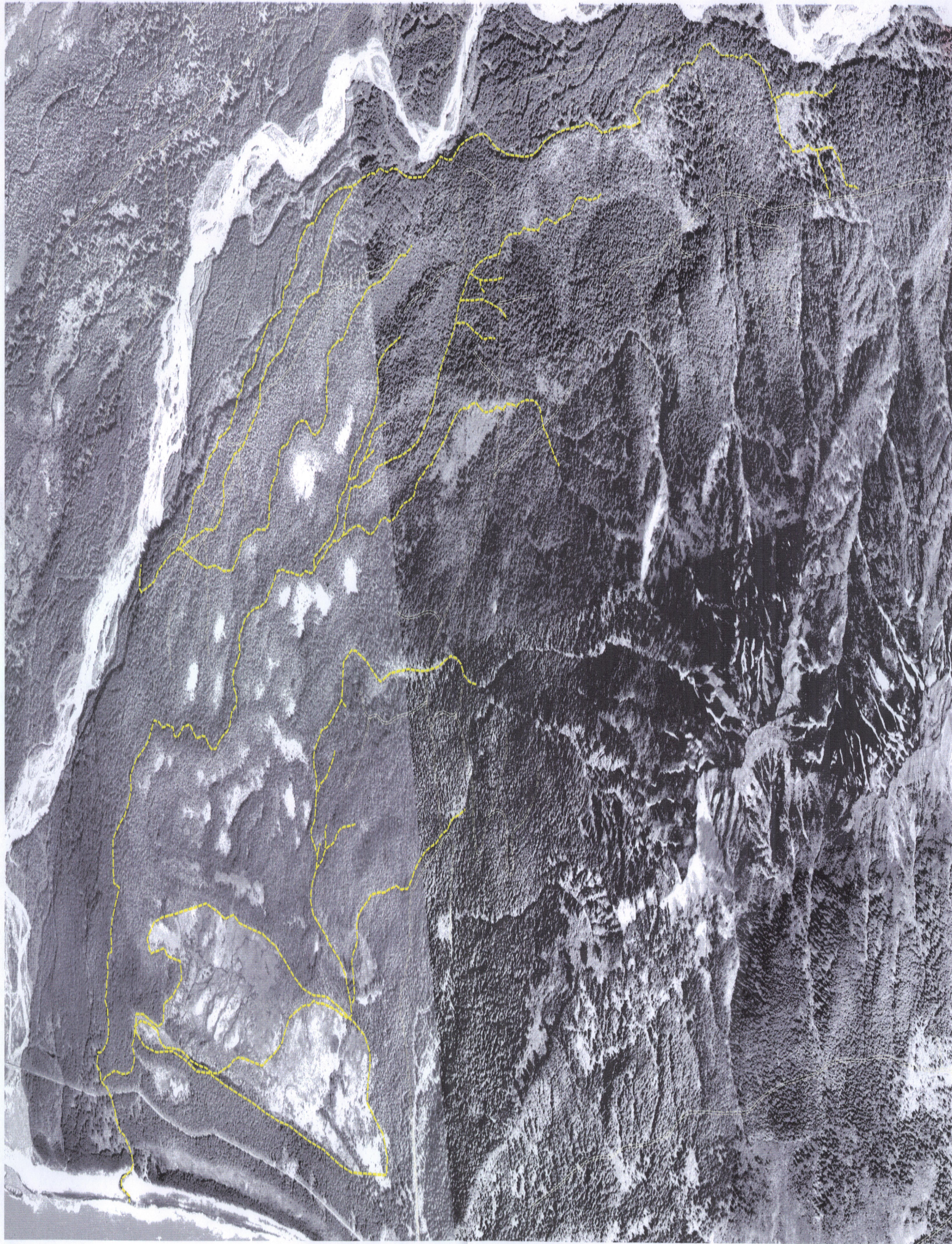
Sorry about dumping this on you guys but your going to know where to put them better than I. The help is really appreciated. Thanks. Let me know if you have any questions.

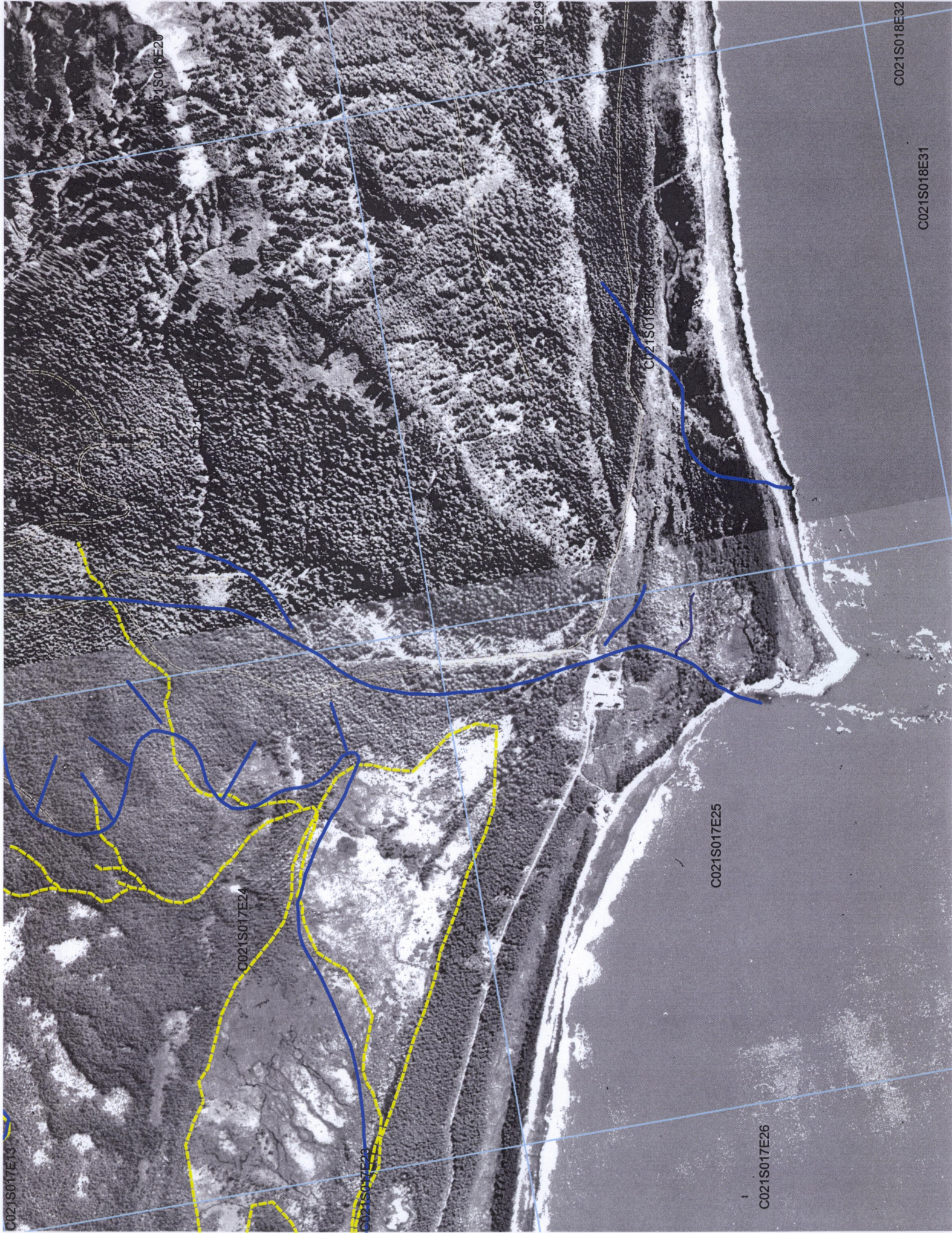


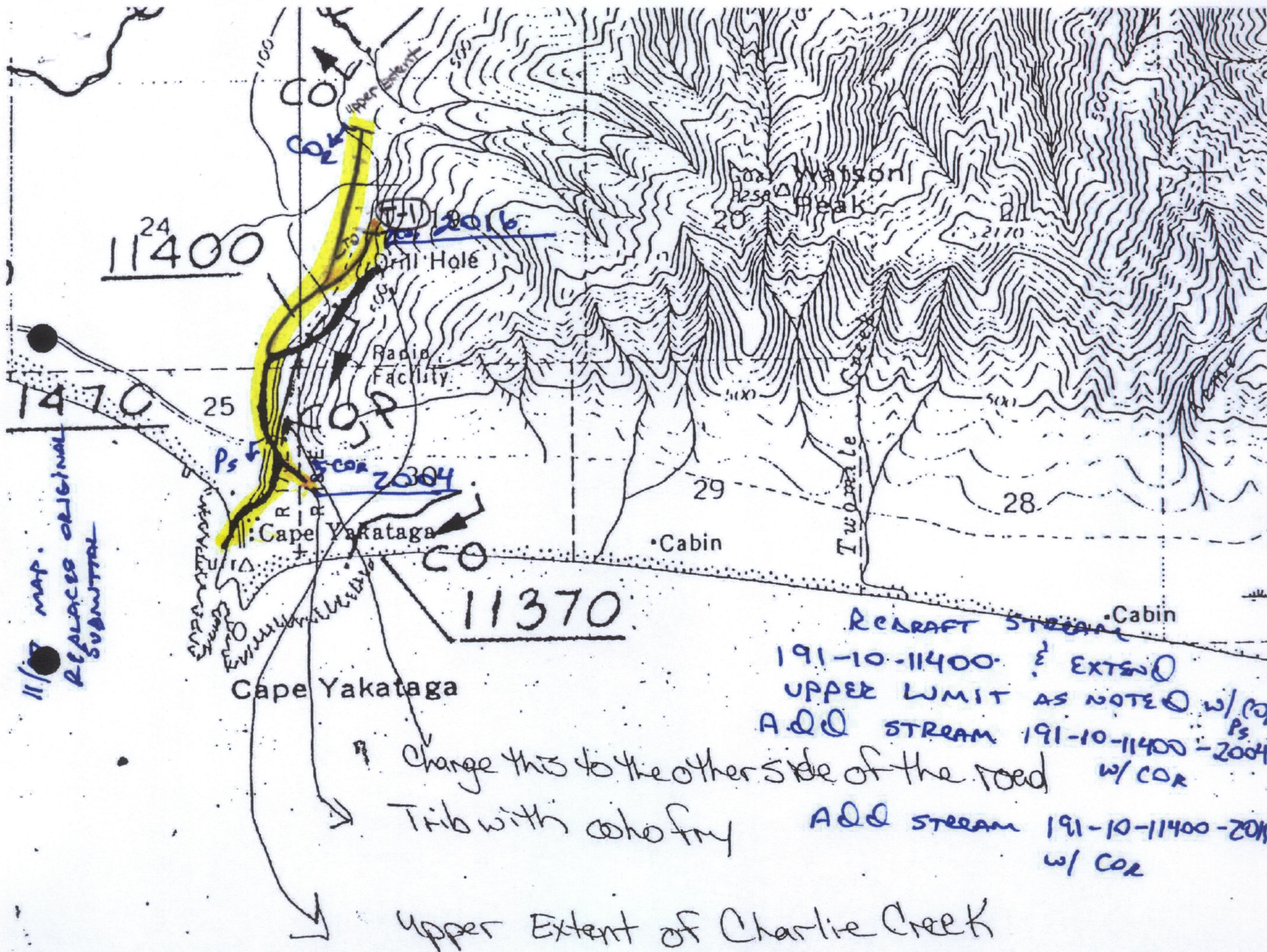
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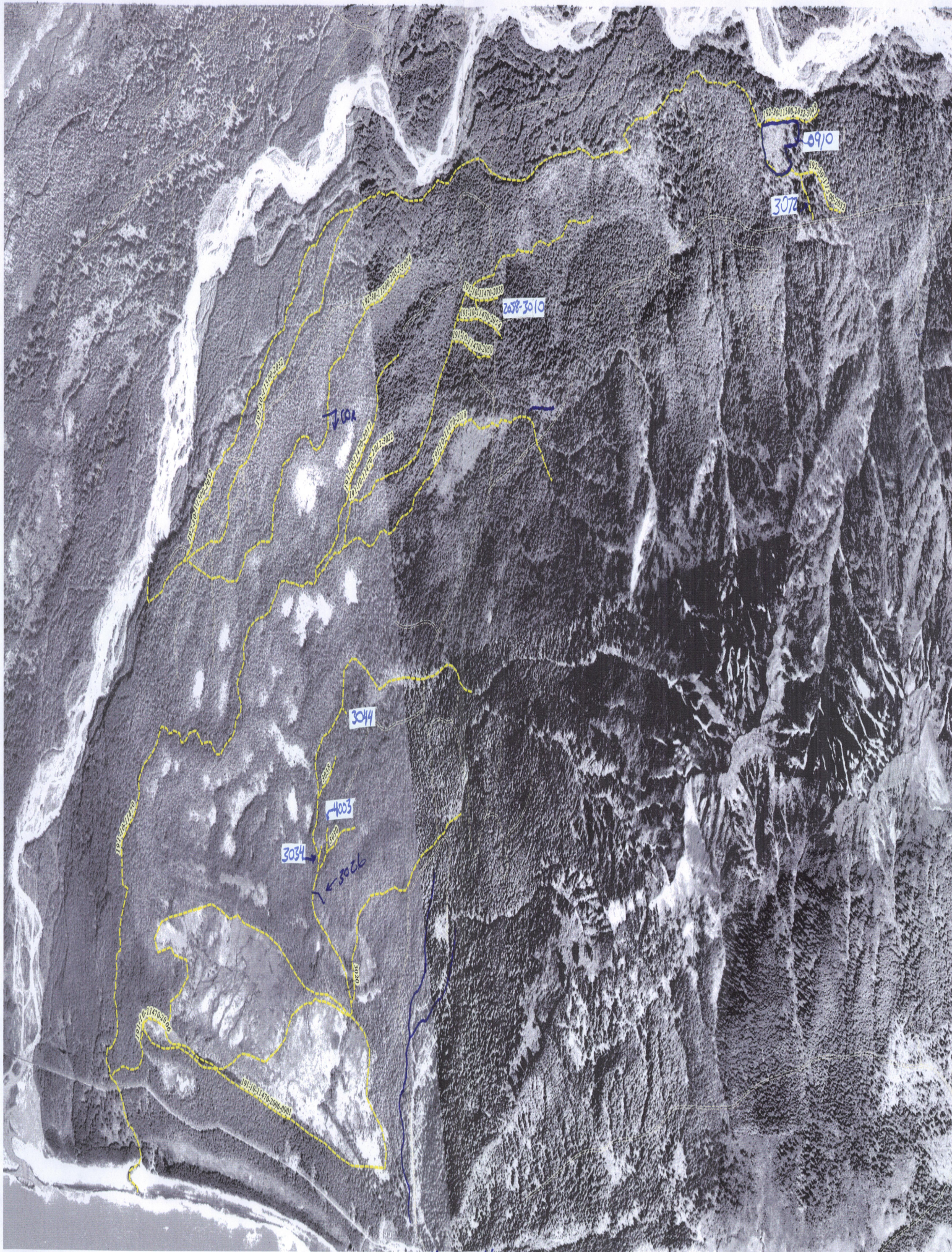
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